

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Kindly amend the claims according to the amended claim set below. Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2-8 are new.

1. (Currently Amended) A kit, comprising:  
    ~~an expandable~~ spacer with expanding spikes; and  
    a quantity of a precursor ~~to~~ of a bio-compatible elastic material.
2. (New) A kit according to claim 1, wherein said spacer is axially collapsible.
3. (New) A kit according to claim 2, wherein said spikes expand when said spacer is axially collapsed.
4. (New) A kit according to claim 1, comprising a spacer with holes that allow a flow of filling material from inside the spacer to its exterior.
5. (New) A kit according to claim 4, comprising an enclosure of an impenetrable material for expanding said spacer therein.
6. (New) A kit according to claim 1, comprising a plurality of varying sized spacers.
7. (New) A kit according to claim 1, wherein said precursor is adapted for injection before inserting said spacer.
8. (New) A kit according to claim 1, wherein said precursor is adapted for injection after inserting said spacer.